

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

3. (amended) A dressing according to claim 1 [or 2], characterised in that the pressure distributing element (2) is an elastomer.

5. (amended) A dressing according to claim 1 [any of claims 1-4], characterised in that the absorbent element (1) comprises a hydrophilic foam, such as polyurethane, silicone, styrene-butadiene, styrene-isoprene or a surface coated polyethylene, or water soluble or gelling biopolymers such as polysaccharides, e.g. alginates, polyvinylpyrrolidone gels or hydrocolloids.

6. (amended) A dressing according to claim 1 [any of claims 1-5], characterised in that the surface opposite the skin-contacting surface of the dressing is covered by a top layer (3).

7. (amended) A dressing according to claim 1 [any of claims 1-6], characterised in that the absorbent element (1) extends through the pressure distributing element (2).

8. (amended) A dressing according to claim 1 [any of claims 1-6], characterised in that the absorbent element (1) extend partly through the pressure distributing element (2).

9. (amended) A dressing according to claim 1 [any of claims 1-8], characterised in that the pressure redistributing material (2) comprises one or more indentations (9).

10. (amended) A dressing according to claim 1 [any of claims 1-9], characterised in that the dressing comprises a pressure indicator.

11. (amended) A dressing according to claim 1 [any of claims 1-10], characterised in that the absorbent element (1) comprises a pharmaceutical or antimicrobial agent.

12. (amended) A dressing according to claim 1 [any of claims 1-11], characterised in that the surface of the dressing to be brought in contact with the skin shows adhesive properties.

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